



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

I hope the first month of this New Year was a good one for you and your family. I want to write to express my thanks for the success in 2017 that we have had in making our Ward a better place to live, work and raise a family, building on the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.

Thanks to our neighborhoods working with the Ward 5 office we achieved many successes including:

The opening of the following businesses in Ward 5: Lin's Grand Buffet, Chamberlain Manufacturing, Planet Fitness, Greyhound, Dave & Buster's, Planet Sub, King Smootie Jimmy John's, Arc Point Labs, Suspiro's Cakes, Popeye' Chicken, Discount Tire (Under construction) and Perfecto's Mexican Express, naming a few of the many new businesses that provide employment and opportunities.

Thanks to four neighborhoods: Las Vistas, Western Hills II, Pueblo Gardens and South Park, who have been working with the developers of the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges and were honored at the Metropolitan Pima Alliance's (MPA) Common Ground Award's this year for their work and collaboration, bringing in businesses and jobs to Ward 5. There were other projects in Ward 5 that were also recognized this year by MPA, including: Atlas COPCO and the Greyhound Terminal Location.

Our neighborhoods gave their input in March for the Ward 5 Town Hall on Proposition 101, the sales tax proposal for roads, police and fire.

I also want to thank Ward 5 students who made wonderful academic accomplishments, including the Ward 5 Love of Reading Challenge, more than 2,000 students were recognized for their reading one book a month, verified by their teachers. I also want to thank the students, teachers and parents who worked to get three speed tables built in front of Sierra Middle School. Ward 5 students also made more than 5,000 thank you cards and letters for our Veterans staying at the V.A. Hospital for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Ward 5 has also honored many students, from elementary through high school on their academic success.

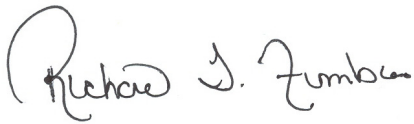
Thanks to students who live in Ward 5 who helped to get three art projects were completed. thanks to a RTA/TDOT and Arts Foundation grant. Murals honoring Tucson civil rights pioneer, Quincie Douglas, the Buffalo Soldiers and honoring Ward 5 residents who served in the five branches of the military were completed. The Quincie Douglas

Mural is in front of the Quincie Douglas Library, the Buffalo Soldier's Mural is in front of the Quincie Douglas Center and the Military Mural is in front of the Ward 5 Council Office.

My office, working with local neighborhoods and businesses were instrumental in getting both Valencia Road and 12th Avenue roads, reworked and repaved as well.

We have a lot of work still ahead but working together, we will get more done in 2018.

Peace.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember



Boards, Committees & Commissions

Citizens play an important role as part of the City of Tucson government through the Boards and Commissions.

These Boards and Commissions consider issues and bring forward ideas and policy proposals for the Mayor and Council to consider. They play a part in the function of city government.

Presently there are more than 60 Boards and Commissions, for which citizens of Ward 5 serve on, including:

Board, Committee, Commission Name	Ward 5 Representative
2012 Bond Oversight Commission (BOC)	Jesse Lugo
2017 Public Safety Tax Oversight Commission (PSTOC)	Sam Burns
Board of Adjustment (BAJ)	Jesse Lugo
Commission on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability (CCES)	Luis Perales
Convention Center Commission, Tucson (TCCC)	Michael Lundin
Economic and Workforce Development Selection Committee (EWDSC)	Akanni Oyegbola
Environmental Services Advisory Committee (ESAC)	Yolanda Herrera
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues, Tucson Commission on (GLBT)	Gael Sladky
Greens Committee, Tucson (TGC)	Jeff Farkas
Historical Commission, Tucson-Pima County (TPCHC)	Sandee Brooke
Human Relations Commission (HRC)	Emily Verdugo
Independent Audit and Performance Commission (IAPC)	Robert Clark
Park Tucson Commission (PTC)	Bob Gugino
Parks and Recreation Commission, Tucson (TPRC)	Willie Blake
Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)	Justin Currie
Planning Commission (PC)	Roberto "Bobby" Jaramillo Nicholas K. Pafford
Police Advisory Review Board, Citizen (CPARB)	Cherry Jackson
Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Commission (SMWBC)	Alma Gallardo Ronnie Reyna
Transit Task Force (TTF)	David Lee Middleton
Transportation Advisory Committee, Citizen (CTAC)	Eddie Flores
Water Advisory Committee, Citizens' (CWAC)	Mark Lewis
Women's Commission, Pima County/Tucson (PCTWC)	Jeovanna MacKean

Ward 5 currently has vacancies on the Art and Community Design Committee, Public (PACDC) Bicycle Advisory Committee, Tucson-Pima County (TPCBAC)

If you are interested, please call the Ward 5 Council Office, 791-4231, for more information.

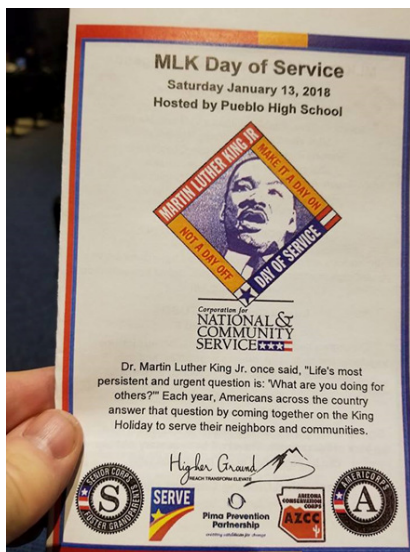
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We must never forget the fights and challenges that have been met and overcome to improve the quality of life for our community and we must strive to continue to move forward together and continue working to make Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech a reality.

Tucson continues to work together for our community and comes together to honor the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.



On Saturday, January 13, the Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association held their 28th Annual Pueblo Gardens Martin Luther King Annual Breakfast at the Holmes Tuttle Boys and Girls Club, 2585 East 36th Street.



The Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Association is the only neighborhood association in the City of Tucson that holds an annual event honoring the work and legacy of Dr. King.

I also had the privilege on Saturday, January 13, to be speaking to students at Pueblo High School about Dr. King and his leadership, as part of the Martin Luther King, Day of Service. I want to thank committee organizers for giving me the opportunity to address those in attendance.

On Monday, January 15, I had the privilege of attending and speaking at the 2018 Tucson Martin Luther King Day March, which began on Martin Luther King Jr. Way at the Bridges. I want to thank March organizers for their work and for the opportunity to say a few words to the marchers.



Ward 5 Safety Calendar Available

For the past several years, I, along with my staff, have worked with elementary and middle schools from Ward 5 and across Pima County to create a calendar with safety messages for our young people and families.

A dozen schools submitted artwork and messages for the 2018 calendar. I also want to thank our sponsors, Cenpatco Integrated Care, Arizona Bilingual, Global Multimedia, TEP, Tucson Police Department, City of Tucson and Cox Communications.

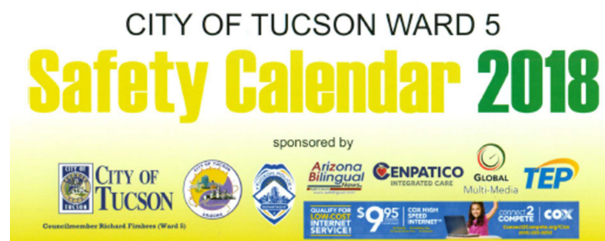


I want to congratulate the winners for the 2018 Ward 5 City of Tucson Safety Calendar:

2018 Safety Calendar Winners

January	Samantha Soto	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
February	Sabina Mendias	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
March	Lucia Pineda	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
April	Angela Celaya	Apollo Middle School – 7 th Grade
May	Neema Karumba	Vail Academy – 5 th Grade
June	Emily Gunnells	Santa Cruz Catholic School – 7 th Grade
July	Alia Riesgo	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
August	Sarai Juarez	Apollo Middle School – 7 th Grade
September	Mariana Bautista	Apollo Middle School – 7 th Grade
October	Joey Montaño	McCorkle Academy – 8 th Grade
November	Danielle Trujillo	Apollo Middle School – 7 th Grade
December	Jorge Feria	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
Front Cover	Jasmine Patton	Apollo Middle School – 8 th Grade
Back Cover	Aria Cavazos	McCorkle Academy – 7 th Grade
	Anthony Fernandez	McCorkle Academy – 6 th Grade

I also want to thank Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, City Manager Michael Ortega, Tucson Fire Chief Jim Critchley and Tucson Police Chief Chris Magnus for their support and for also writing letters on safety.





Honoring First Responders

I want to thank 4Tucson for an annual event they hold honoring our First Responders, police and fire who look out for our public safety and well-being.

I had the privilege of sponsoring a table to honor four members of the Tucson Fire Department and four officers from the Tucson Police Department.

Metropolitan Education Commission Goal One Graduate!

The Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC) is proud to announce that the 22nd Annual Goal One: Graduate!/Meta Numero Uno: Graduar!

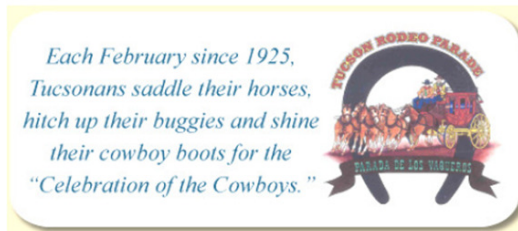
Poster Contest is underway! Attached is information and submission guidelines for the 2018 contest, which outlines how elementary, middle and high school students can enter. One piece of artwork will be selected representing each of three educational levels.

Contest prizes are:

1. Elementary School - \$100.00
2. Middle School - \$100.00
3. High School - \$100.00

The Deadline for poster submissions is Friday, March 16th, 2018.





Rodeo Parade Names Grand Marshall

The Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee named their Grand Marshall for the upcoming 2018 Rodeo Parade to take place February 22, in Ward 5.

The Rodeo Parade Committee announced that the Tucson Conquistadors are the Grand Marshall's for this year's parade, the longest and largest non-mechanized parade in the United States.

Congratulations to the Tucson Conquistadors on being the parade Grand Marshall's.

For more information, go online to tucsonrodeoparade.com.

Water Harvesting at Ward 5

Ward 5 is a rainwater harvesting demonstration site with a new 2,800-gallon cistern designed and installed by Dryland Design.

The native fruit trees have been donated by Trees for Tucson. In addition, Dryland Design is creating earthworks projects as demonstration sites to show residents the benefits of water harvesting through moving earth on one's property.

The four trees are in honor of the current and former Ward 5 Council Members: Rudy Castro (1973-1977), Roy Laos (1977-1989), Steve Leal (1989-2009), and Richard Fimbres (2009-current).

Also, SERI, who has been holding water harvesting workshops at Ward 5 and the Southside, is coordinating with Dryland Design for passive water harvesting systems at the Ward 5 Council office. A passive system involves moving dirt and earth and adding rocks so that a house can also harvest rainwater and use on their plants, trees and yards.



GEICO

As we have read and seen reported, GEICO wants to relocate their regional office to the Bridges in Ward 5, which would add an additional 700 jobs to their work force.

From the KGUN-9 story:

There's nothing like adding new jobs to make people sit up and take notice---especially if those new jobs will boost other businesses too.

One of Tucson's biggest employers is moving to a new building and expanding its workforce too. When other companies see where Geico expanded---and why--- they may want to build up operations here too.

When you look at the open piece of land north of Kino and I-10 you see mostly nothing but developers see nothing but potential for the piece of property to boost Tucson's business climate and help boost a renaissance that's already underway on the south side.

Geico is on the move, from offices near Speedway and Kolb, to the Bridges development and its adding an additional 700 workers it already has here.

The land is just north of a booming new commercial development near I-10 and Kino. Geico will add a new element to the boom, the potential of 28 hundred customers for businesses like the Planet Sub shop Suzanne Vinall opened just three months ago. She says, "Very excited, very happy. This is gonna be awesome for this part of town. Lots of lunch eaters and dinner eaters."

Don Bourn of the Bourn Companies is developing the site. He says it's an ideal location, centrally located, with the space to build Geico a big new facility close to a lot of what Tucson already had to offer.

That gives the site a lot of potential to attract other big employers.

"I think there are all kinds of companies looking for a centralized location, easy access to a lot of the important pieces of the city, the downtown, and the university, the airport, as well as the workforce. Then there's also all the amenities that are there; the food, the entertainment and retail."

Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres has been working to boost business in his Ward. He says Geico's move adds momentum that's great for the whole area. "For sales tax which the city lives off of and for housing and building industries and all the retail that's around this area. It's gonna grow."

There is an Open House for the Bridges to discuss the GEICO Regional Headquarters. The Open House is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street. For more information, call (303) 892-1166.

Desert View Teacher Receives Milken Award

A chemistry teacher at Desert View High School, Jonathan Cadena, received the surprise of his life when he presented with the prestigious, Milken Educator Award by Lowell Milken, Chairman of the Milken Family Foundation on Thursday, January 18th. What makes this award even more memorable is the element of surprise. Winners are announced at surprise assemblies, such as the one hosted at Desert View High School.



This is the first time a teacher in the Sunnyside Unified School District receives the award, which carries with it a cash award of \$25,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the Milken Educator Forum.

Mr. Cadena is the only Milken Educator Award winner from Arizona this year and is one of the 44 honorees for 2017-18. The Milken Foundation, a California non-profit whose mission is to promote excellence in education by honoring top educators around the country.

Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Association

The Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Association will hold its next meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 17th at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry. Elections of the volunteer positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be held during this meeting, so it's very important that you attend and vote on the future of this local get-together. If you are a tenant or homeowner living in the area between Irvington and Drexel, between Park Avenue and Tucson Boulevard, you are a CANA resident, so be sure to come and meet some of your neighbors.

Tucson Homeless Work Program Update

When our community has a problem or issue, I always said that we “come together, roll up our sleeves and get to work to deal with this situation at hand.”

This was the case in 2015, with the Vente de Agosto Park situation. The Mayor and Council listened and took action, dealing with the concerns raised by the downtown businesses and the homeless community.

In October 2015, I chaired the first meeting of the Tucson Homeless Coalition: a group of government officials, business owners, faith based organizations, service providers and the homeless community.

The meetings of the Homeless Coalition showed how complex of the issue was and its impact on all of our citizens. In the two-plus years since starting those meetings our community has seen huge gains in collaboration and a shift towards unique solutions, one of which was the Tucson Homeless Work Program. I developed the Homeless Work Program, based upon the Albuquerque, New Mexico program called “There’s a Better Way.”

I, along with my Chief of Staff, Mark Kerr and Matt Pate, my aide, held 30 meetings with community stakeholders to develop this collaborative effort and not another government program. The Tucson Homeless Work Program offers a unique way to engage those experiencing homelessness, navigate them through the array of social services our community has to offer while beautifying our City and County at the same time.

The program had just completed its first year and has been called a success. More than 320 people have participated in the Homeless Work Program, with 43 entering permanent housing. More than 120 sites were cleaned, as well as 80+ miles of roadway cleaned and 86,240 pounds of trash cleared.

The Tucson Homeless Work Program owes its success to its partners: Old Pueblo Community Services for overseeing the program, Assurance Health and Wellness for providing the van, Pima County providing locations for clean up, the City of Tucson providing tools and locations for cleanup, El Rio Community Health Center for doing health screenings, Caridad Community Kitchen for providing the meals, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church providing showers and clothes to the participants.

One of the keys was Cenpatico Integrated Care, working through Catholic Community Services, providing the funding for the staff person, DeAnna Barber, who has been the navigator for the Tucson Homeless Work Program, getting the people into the services needed. I want to thank Cenpatico Integrated Care, specifically Greg Taylor and former Tucson Councilmember and Cenpatico Housing Director, Karin Uhlich for their support. The Tucson Homeless Work Program was initially co-founded by the City of Tucson and Pima County. When the program launched, Humberto Lopez of the HSL Foundation matched the City and County funding of \$50,000 for the program. Wal-Mart, Southwest Gas, Tucson Medical Center and Cox Communications also made donations to help sustain the Tucson Homeless Work Program. More partners have since joined the effort and the program expanded to a third day, with the women from Sister Jose's Women's Center working at the Pima Animal Control Center.

When there is a problem, our community comes together, rolls up their sleeves and works to solve it. The Tucson Homeless Work Program, recently honored at the Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Awards, is the example and is working for a better Tucson.

You can make a donation to the Tucson Homeless Work Program by going online to: www.helptucson.org/help_tucson/support/donate.php.



**Pima County Consolidated Justice Court
Warrant Resolution Night Court
240 N. Stone Ave, Tucson AZ 85701
520-724-3171**

NIGHT COURT COMING SOON

**Justice Court staff is available to assist you from
4:00 - 7:00 PM and City Court staff is available from
5:00 - 7:00 PM on the following Tuesday nights:**

**January 23, 2018
February 27, 2018
March 27, 2018**

**Walk-ins are welcome or call in advance to schedule
your appointment.**



Available Services

- **Quash Your Warrant**
- **Create An Affordable Payment Plan**
- **Reinstate Your Driver's License**
- **Schedule A New Court Date**

To see if you have a warrant with Pima County Justice Court please call 724-3171

NOTE: Warrant Resolution Court attendees are advised to bring a valid government issued photo ID.

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

Transportation & Street Maintenance

Tucson Department of Transportation
791-3154

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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